

As public health precautions during the coronavirus pandemic caused many institutions to close their doors to the public for prolonged periods of times and face financial hardship. Due to Jon's hard work developing the museum's innovative cost-saving program, the Farm Museum gained a financial stability that has helped it weather the continuing pandemic.

Prior to 1900, nearly 90 percent of New Hampshire residents lived on a farm. Our state's history is deeply tied to its agriculture and Jonathan's commitment to the preservation of this history is commendable.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to thank Jonathan for his continued dedication to the Granite State and wish him the best as he transitions from his work with the museum.

IN RECOGNITION OF TEMPLE
ISRAEL OF SCRANTON'S 100TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, today I honor Temple Israel of Scranton and its congregation who will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Temple's founding June 10–12, 2022. The congregation was organized in July 1921, but the celebration to mark this joyous occasion was postponed because of the COVID–19 pandemic.

On July 14, 1921, a group of Jews gathered at the YMCA in response to urging by their peers to establish a modern synagogue in the City of Scranton. The result of that founders meeting was Temple Israel, a synagogue that “would comply with the thoughts of the American Jew and would be conducted in accordance with the best traditions of Judaism.” On September 21, 1921, Rabbi Alfred H. Kahn was installed as the first rabbi. During the final months of 1921, a Hebrew School was organized, the Temple was granted its charter, and the constitution and by-laws of the Temple were adopted.

On April 11, 1923, plans to build a new Temple began, and a committee to oversee the process was formed with Isadore Finkelstein as chairman. Over the next three years, the committee drafted a report, raised funds, approved architectural plans, and hired contractors. On May 18, 1926, they broke ground for the new Temple, and on September 11, 1927, Rabbi Max Arzt dedicated the Temple in the afternoon and an evening banquet followed. The celebrations continued throughout the week with a Hebrew School Night, Ladies' Auxiliary Night, Open House Night, the Dedication Ball, and culminated with religious services on Friday and Saturday.

Rabbi Arzt, who served Temple Israel from 1924 to 1939 before joining the faculty of the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City, was not the only prominent clergy member to lead the congregation. Other distinguished clergy include Rabbis Simon Shoop and David Geffen and Cantor William S. Horn, who served 50 years as cantor and youth in-

structor for the Temple Israel Junior Congregation and Hebrew School, which educated thousands of Scranton's Jewish youths over the past 100 years.

Today, Temple Israel remains the only Conservative Synagogue in Lackawanna County and boasts a vibrant and welcoming congregation in the heart of the City of Scranton. Rabbi Miriam Spitzer, one of the first female rabbis, and Cantor Vladimir Aronzon, who has served for more than two decades, are the Temple's current clergy. They, along with the dedicated volunteers who serve as officers and on the board of directors, work tirelessly to foster an environment and community to meet the spiritual, educational, and social needs of their members.

I am honored to join with Rabbi Spitzer and the entire Temple Israel congregation in celebrating 100 years of worship in the City of Scranton. Temple Israel has been an essential part of the Scranton community and Lackawanna County at large as a center for Jewish thought, learning, and worship. This multigenerational congregation that celebrates diversity, spirituality, and community has welcomed countless worshipers over the years, and I know it will continue to be a beacon of Jewish faith and tradition for many generations to come.

GRAYSON FOX

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Grayson Fox for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Grayson Fox is a student at Pomona High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Grayson Fox is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Grayson Fox for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING MR. SCOTTY RAINES

HON. AUSTIN SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Scotty Raines of Turner County for being named the 2022 Georgia Farmer of the Year.

Scotty is a lifelong contributor to the agriculture industry. After high school, he was an

active member of the Turner County High School FFA chapter and worked as a farm technician for Agra Tech Seed Research. He began farming full-time in 1993, partnering with his father-in-law on 500 acres of rented land and establishing a personal herd of 30 beef cows. Scotty has spent 28 years expanding and diversifying his farming operation, emphasizing marketing strategies related to the cotton, corn, peanuts, and watermelons he produces on more than 2,300 acres today. His contributions to the local community and outstanding agricultural achievements have not gone unnoticed.

As a senior member of the House Agriculture Committee, I am honored to represent outstanding farmers such as Scotty. It is individuals like him that make Georgia, and America, great.

RECOGNIZING MIKE SCHULTZ OF
ST. CLOUD, MINNESOTA

HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Mr. EMMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mike Schultz of St. Cloud, Minnesota, for his participation in the 2022 Winter Paralympics. Mike competed for Team USA in the Men's Snowboard Cross and Banked Slalom races.

Mike has not only inspired other athletes with his diligent training and perseverance, but he started his own company to design high-performance lower limb prosthetics for other amputees to participate in competitive sports and activities.

His dedication has paid off. Congratulations to Mike for bringing home a silver medal for Men's Snowboard Cross and coming in fifth for Men's Banked Slalom. I am proud to count such an amazing athlete and innovator among my constituents in the Sixth District.

IN RECOGNITION OF JACKSONVILLE
HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL 4A STATE TITLE

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Jacksonville High School boys' basketball team for winning the AHSAA Class 4A state title.

On March 4, 2022, The Jacksonville Golden Eagles played fast and left no doubt as to who deserves to be state champion, beating Escambia County 85 to 49 to secure their title win. The game was played at Legacy Arena in Birmingham, Alabama.

Cade Phillips was named tournament MVP. This was head coach Shane Morrow's first year and the Golden Eagles' first basketball state title.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Coach Morrow, the basketball team, students, faculty and all the fans. Go Golden Eagles.